

REMARKS

Claims 1-78 are pending in the present application, with claims 1, 7-10, 17-20, 26-29, 35-38, 44-47, 55-58, 65-68, 75 and 77 being the independent claims. In summary of the outstanding Office Action, claims 1, 3-10, 12-20, 22-29, 31-38, 40-49, 51-59, 61-69 and 71-78 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,668,322 B1 (Wood et al.) and claims 2, 11, 21, 30, 39, 50, 60 and 70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Wood et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,226,752 B1 (Gupta et al.).

First of all, Applicants would like to thank Examiner for his time and consideration in discussing Applicants present case and the helpful input provided during the interview of July 6, 2005. Applicants have attempted to address Examiner's concerns expressed during the interview and have provided the response and amendments herein in view of the Office Action and discussions that occurred during the interview. Thus, reconsideration of the outstanding rejections to the claims is respectfully requested in view of the previous interview and the following remarks and amendments. Thus, reconsideration of the outstanding rejections to the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-20, 22-29, 31-38, 40-49, 51-59, 61-69 and 71-78 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,668,322 B1 (Wood et al., hereinafter Wood).

Claims 1, 3-9, 38, 40-49, 51-57, and 75-78

Regarding claim 1, the claim language as amended states "receiving a first request from a user for an application instance, the request including a single identifier used to identify both a session and a user for all user requests without further user and session application variables..." Support for this amendment and corresponding amendments to the other claims appear in the second paragraph on page 13 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

The final Office Action correlates the “session cookie” of Wood to the “single identifier” of claim 1. However, Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action does not address the additional language of claim 1 as amended requiring that the request include a single identifier “used to identify both a session and a user.” In fact, in col. 8, lines 9-25, Wood describes using two separate identifiers within a session credentials structure to identify the session and the user, namely the “session id” and “principal id” of Wood. This is contrary to claim 1 that recites “a single identifier used to identify both a session and a user.” Also, Wood describes that there are additional user session and application variables, namely, “a trust level, group ids, a creation time, and expiration time.” This is contrary to the language of claim 1 that recites “without further user and session application variables...” Therefore, these limitations are not taught or suggested by Wood.

Since all the limitations of claim 1 are not taught or suggested by Wood, Wood does not anticipate claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus earnestly solicited.

Claims 3-9, 38, 40-49, 51-57, and 75-78 either depend from claim 1 or were rejected for the same reasons as claim 1 with respect to the claim 1 element discussed above and therefore, are not anticipated by Wood for the same reason. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections for these claims is earnestly solicited.

Claims 10, 12-20, 22-29, 31-37, 58, 59, 61-69, and 71-74

Regarding claim 10, a corresponding amendment to that of claim 1 has been made and thus with respect to the claim 1 element discussed above, claim 10 is not anticipated by Wood for at least the same reason. Since all the limitations of claim 10 are not taught or suggested by Wood, Wood does not anticipate claim 10. Withdrawal of the rejection is thus earnestly solicited.

Claims 10, 12-20, 22-29, 31-37, 58, 59, 61-69, and 71-74 either depend from claim 10 or include a corresponding amendment to that of claim with respect to the claim 10 element discussed above and, therefore, are not anticipated by Wood for the same reason. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections for these claims is earnestly solicited.

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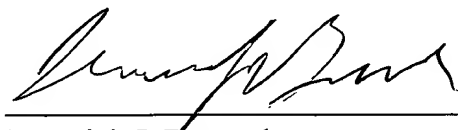
Claims 2, 11, 21, 30, 39, 50, 60 and 70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,668,322 B1 (Wood) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,226,752 B1 (Gupta et al., hereinafter Gupta).

“To establish prima facie obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art.” MPEP § 2142. Since claims 2, 11, 21, 30, 39, 50, 60 and 70 all depend from one of claims 1, 3-10, 12-20, 22-29, 31-38, 40-49, 51-59, 61-69 and 71-78, they all include the limitations of the particular claim from which each depends. Therefore, all the limitations of claims 2, 11, 21, 30, 39, 50, 60 and 70 are not taught or suggested by Wood as explained above with respect to claims 1, 3-10, 12-20, 22-29, 31-38, 40-49, 51-59, 61-69 and 71-78. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for claims 2, 11, 21, 30, 39, 50, 60 and 70 is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is responsive to each point raised by the Examiner in the office action and Applicants submit that claims 1-78 of the application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and passage to issue of the application at the Examiner's earliest convenience is earnestly solicited.

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